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COVID-19 has caused us to close, slow down or change many things:

- many airline flights and stores were closed**
- most public gatherings (like PACE & CUMC) were closed**
- hugs and handshakes were withheld**
- social distancing (6')**
- masks**
- serious handwashing (20 seconds)**

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**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.**

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“The Icebergs” **Frederic Church** **1861**

Dallas Museum of Art



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“Our Banner in the Sky”

Frederic Church 1861



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**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and
our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet
again.**